

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3774**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0078-00000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/593,591)
Filed: June 13, 2000)
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG)
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED)
TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED)
INTERVERTEBRAL)
IMPLANTATION SPACE)

Confirmation No.: 5619
Group Art Unit: 3774
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In reply to the Final Office Action of October 9, 2008, the Applicant submits the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 37 of this paper.

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